The next requirement of Shencotta was some pasture land for cattle. He said that an agricultural farm and a manure depot should also be established at Shencotta.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened at Shencotta.

46. The agricultural requirements of the Muvattupuzha taluk.

The Revd. Kora Mathan Malpan (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) requested that, in the best interests of agriculture, an agricultural farm and a manure depot should be established on the bank of the Muvattupuzha river. A veterinary hospital should also be opened at Muvattupuzha.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened in a suitable locality such as would serve the Muvattupuzha and Kunnathnad taluks.

47. The need for the establishment of an agricultural farm at Perumbavur.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) conveyed the sincere thanks of the people of the taluk for having given them an English school and a dispensary.

Proceeding to his subject, he said that agriculture was in its primitive condition in the taluk. The soil was not also very fertile, only very few lands being fit for a double crop. The tiller of the soil was conservative by instinct and temperament and the only way to improve the condition was to demonstrate things to the people in their own fields. He therefore prayed for the early establishment of an agricultural farm at Perumbavur. The farm would also benefit the adjoining taluks of Alangad, Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Parur.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A single manure depot should suffice for the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Kunnathnad; and that will be opened.

48. The establishment of an experimental farm and a manure depot at Parur.

Mr. T. N. Atchutha Panicker (Member, Parur taluk) said that, though it was several years since the Agricultural Department was created, his taluk did not derive any benefit from it. The Members from the taluk had been repeatedly praying for an agricultural farm and a manure depot at Parur in previous Sessions of the Assembly, but nothing came out of it also. He therefore ventured to reiterate the request and prayed that it might receive sympathetic consideration.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened at Parur.

49. The question of grazing lands and stray cattle nuisance.

Mr. Edwin Vincent (Member, the Mundakayam Planters' Association) said that he had to complain of cattle straying on the road-side and causing damage to the adjoining property. With a view to obviate as much as possible the inconvenience, he was requested by his Association to ask the Government for 1,000 acres of grazing area. Should it be considered too much, he would be satisfied with a smaller area, if by any means that would increase their security against damage. He also asked for the establishment of a cattle-pound. The nearest pound was now at Peermade. The Association was prepared to erect a pound at its expense, if sanction was given.

Dewan.—A reply has been sent to you to say that, if you will put up a building and give it over to the Government, a pound will be at once opened.

The Member said that the Association would put up a building accordingly.

He next dwelt on the need for a cart-stand on the Kottayam-Kumili road. There was none at present, although about 200 bandies were halting on the road daily. He added that it was necessary to have some grazing grounds also. About 1,500 acres

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were available at the 35th mile-stone and another 500 acres at the 34th mile-stone of the road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS.

50. The opening of a tap-road from the junction of the Kottar–Parvathipuram road with the Santapuram road, to the junction of the Rajakkamangalam road with the Kurisadi Church road.

Mr. D. Francis (Member, Nominated) said that there were some important villages to the south-west of the town of Nagercoil, with about 3,000 people, mostly ryots and merchants. Nearly 100 carts were daily in use in those villages in carrying manure as well as paddy and other produce. All those villages were situated between the Rajakkamangalam road and the Kottar-Parvathipuram road. There was a Government *poramboke* lane connecting the two roads and touching on its way all the above villages. The lane would serve as a tap-road, if made cartable. The tap-road should run from the junction of the Kottar-Parvathipuram road with the Santapuram road, to the junction of the Rajakkamangalam road with the Kurisadi Church road. The cost would only be about Rs. 1,500, excluding compensation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

51. The metalling of the road from the Colachel Port to the factory of the London Cosmopolitan Mining Company at Muttom and the reconstruction of the bridge across the A. V. M. Canal near the beach.

The Revd. Fr. Fernandez (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) expressed, on behalf of the Committee and the people of Colachel, their feelings of thankfulness to the Government for granting a permanent site for the new market recently established in the centre of Colachel town, and also for sanctioning the pier urgently needed for the Colachel Port and the prospective advance of its traffic.

Proceeding to the subject, he said that the road from Colachel Port Office to Manavalakurichi, a distance of about 4 miles, was in a very unsuitable condition for the transmission of goods as well as for the pedestrians. Ever since the London Cosmopolitan Mining Company started work at Muttam, upwards of 8,000 carts of monazite alone were recorded to have passed during the year, not to speak of many thousands of other cartloads passing through for purposes of trade. He requested that the road should be metalled throughout. The Government could not reasonably grudge the expenditure, as they had already realized a large profit of over Rs. 36,000 from the additional enterprise of the monazite mineral.

There was a bridge over the Ananda Victoria Martandavarma Canal, also in a dangerous condition. It was a very old bridge, lined throughout with bits of planks that were already worn out and quite tottering, and the risk was great. Upwards of 50,000 carts were crossing the bridge in the year. He prayed that the bridge should be dismantled at once to avert damage to life and property, and a new bridge constructed to stand the test of the increasing trade along the sea-port of Colachel.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

52. The necessity for providing against the submergence of paddy fields generally by the overflow of the Pamboorivaikal.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi (Member, Kalkulam taluk) said that the question was a long-standing one, having been brought up at the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 9th Sessions of the Assembly. He was aware that the Government had sanctioned Rs. 400 for a sluice, but that would benefit only the Maruthukurichi *yela*. He proposed to deal with the subject as a general question.

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